

SIMSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Minutes of June 20, 2005 Meeting

PRESENT: Charmaine Glew, Anne Erickson, Gail Ryan, Bert Kaplan, Babs Gardner, and Carol Bingham. James Miller, Assistant Director; Eileen Sickinger, Recording Secretary. Joel Mandell, Bd. of Selectman Liaison.

Carol Bingham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. Bert Kaplan moved the minutes of the May 9, 2005 meeting be accepted with one change. Remove the first two sentences under Building Project. Second: C. Glew. So moved.

There were no additional agenda items.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: Dick Ostop of the Public Building Committee met with the Board to review the process for the plan and design of the library expansion. To start, the existing facility will have to be brought up to Town code in such areas as heating, air conditioning and electricity to meet the needs of an expanded building. The entire facility will also have to meet all ADA requirements.

Before any construction can begin the parking situation will have to be remedied. The plans to enlarge the parking lot to Boy Scout Hall will have to be approved and completed before the area becomes a construction site.

While the November Election Day was mentioned as a possible target date for a Town referendum, it was the unanimous consensus of the Board that a May referendum date was preferred.

It will be the architect and Town engineer who will present the design and plans to the necessary town boards and commissions. Currently the discussions on the expansion are a program and the next step will be the actual project of bringing the expansion to completion. The original design is still being considered – 19,600-sq. ft. at a cost of \$5.6 million dollars. The project will have add alternates that will either remain in the design, or be eliminated depending on the monies available. The basic building plan will stay the same. The Public Building Committee has \$200,000 to work with to move the project forward.

There were no communications and no committee reports.

James Miller, Assistant Director, gave the DIRECTOR'S REPORT. Among the highlights reviewed was the approval by Tom Vincent to take \$5,000.00 out of surplus personnel accounts to be used for computers. Mrs. Bullock asked for \$2,000.00 from ConnectiCard funds to upgrade some of the older computers.

The visit of a group of Japanese librarians was very successful thanks to the staff and Friends. Take-a-Kid Fishing Day had over 180 children participating. Photos shown at the meeting were proof of its success.


The public awareness group is now known as the Building Expansion Committee, chaired by Dave Blume, and vice-chair Eileen Higham. A copy of the purpose, goals, and structure of the committee was distributed.

The Summer Reading Programs start on June 21, 2005.

Jennifer Keohane, Business Outreach Librarian, has requested a 10-week unpaid leave to pursue a practicum for an advanced degree she is pursuing. She is waiting for approval from Tom Vincent.

Gail Ryan moved that up to \$5,000.00 of ConnectiCard funds be used for improving technology at the Library. Second: B. Kaplan. So moved.

At 8:30 P.M. Bert Kaplan moved for adjournment. Second: B. Gardner. So moved.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anne Erickson".

Anne Erickson, Secretary